

equipment ready for immediate use when the OSV is under way.

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**§ 131.580 Servicing of inflatable life-rafts, inflatable lifejackets, inflatable buoyant apparatus, and inflated rescue boats.**

(a) Each inflatable liferaft, inflatable lifejacket, inflatable buoyant apparatus, and hybrid inflatable lifejacket or work vest must be serviced within 12 months of—

(1) Its initial packing; and

(2) Each subsequent servicing, except when a servicing due after 12 months is delayed not more than 5 months until the next scheduled inspection of the OSV.

(b) Each inflatable liferaft and inflatable buoyant apparatus must be serviced—

(1) Whenever the container of the raft is damaged, or the straps or seal broken; and

(2) In compliance with subpart 160.051 of this chapter.

(c) Each inflatable lifejacket must be serviced in compliance with subpart 160.176 of this chapter.

(d) Each hybrid inflatable lifejacket or work vest must be serviced in compliance with subpart 160.077 of this chapter.

(e) Repair and maintenance of inflated rescue boats must follow the manufacturers' instructions. Each repair, except an emergency repair made aboard the OSV, must be made at servicing facilities approved by the Commandant (G-MSE).

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**§ 131.585 Periodic servicing of hydrostatic-release units.**

(a) Except a disposable hydrostatic-release unit with an expiration date, each hydrostatic-release unit must be serviced—

(1) Within 12 months of its manufacture and within 12 months of each subsequent servicing, except when a servicing due after 12 months is delayed not more than 5 months until the next scheduled inspection of the OSV; and

(2) In compliance with subpart 160.062 of this chapter.

(b) The springs of each spring-tensioned gripe used with a hydrostatic-release unit must be renewed when the unit is serviced and tested.

**§ 131.590 Firefighting equipment.**

(a) The master shall ensure that the OSV's required firefighting equipment is on board in the prescribed location and always ready for use, other than when the equipment is being serviced.

(b) The master shall, at least once each 12 months, ensure the performance of the tests and inspections of each portable fire extinguisher, semiportable fire extinguisher, and fixed fire-extinguishing system aboard described by Tables 132.350(a) and 132.350(b) of this subchapter.

(c) The master shall keep records of these tests and inspections, showing the dates of their performance, the number or other identification of each unit undergoing them, and the name of the person or company conducting them. The records must be made available to the marine inspector upon request and must be kept for the period of validity of the OSV's current Certificate of Inspection.

(d) The conducting of tests and inspections required by this section does not relieve the master of his responsibility to maintain the prescribed firefighting equipment in working order for use at any time when the OSV is under way.

**Subpart F—Logs**

**§ 131.610 Logbooks and records.**

(a) Each OSV must by statute, or by regulations in this subchapter, have certain logbooks or records. The master shall make specific entries required by statute, or by regulations in this subchapter.

(b) 46 U.S.C. 11301 states that a vessel of the United States, except one on a voyage from a port in the United States to a port in Canada, shall have an official logbook if the vessel is—

(1) On a voyage from a port in the United States to a foreign port; or

(2) Of at least 100 gross tons and on a voyage between a port in the United